

Enter new claim 5 as follows:

*A2* *2*  
*5.* The method of claim *1* wherein said precursor is 5-aminolevulinic acid.

Remarks

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The cross reference to the parent application on page 1 has been amended to include the current status thereof.

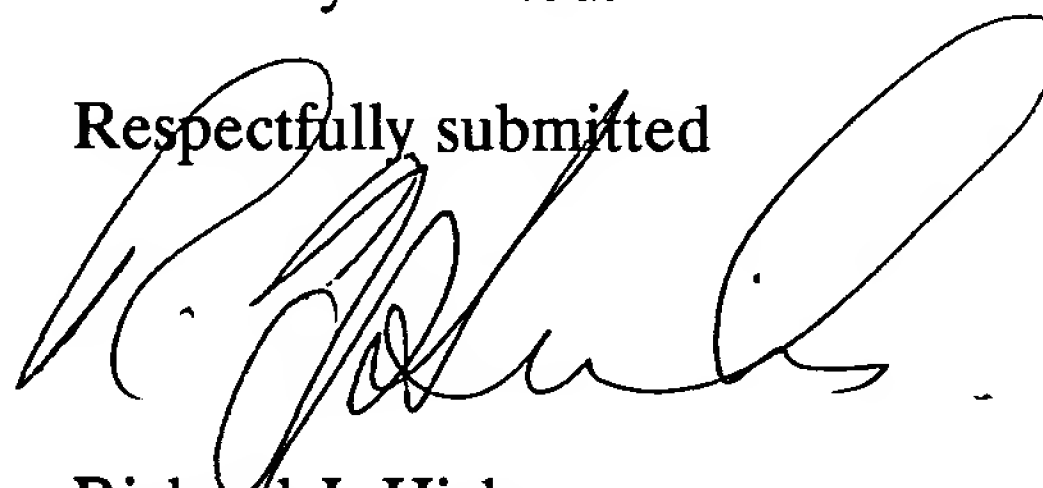
Claims 1-3 have been cancelled, a typographical error in claim 4 has been corrected and a new claim 5 has been entered.

Applicant appends hereto to the bibliography of an unpublished review article which has recently been submitted for publication by the inventors herein, which the Examiner may find useful in assessing the prior art.

Applicant hereby elects claim 4 drawn to a method for diagnosing tissue abnormalities for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse. Applicant also elects 5-aminolevulinic acid as the single protoporphyrin IX precursor for examination purposes. While an election of species for examination purposes may be considered desirable, applicant does not consider the invention herein to be restricted to the elected species as in fact numerous species may be used to carry out the inventive process. No restriction of the broad claim is to be implied by the election of species for examination purposes.

Favourable consideration on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted



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